

# GUIDING MONTANA BUSINESSES TO

# Success



When it came time for Angela Johnson to make her daughter's native dance regalia, the Browning woman was having a hard time finding materials. "I had to shop at five stores in three different cities," Angela said, "that was the inspiration for the store." Johnson's new Native Life store, which carries a variety of quality fabrics, accessories and sewing supplies with an emphasis on all things Native American, opened in 2011 in Browning, MT. Native Life is the combined results of Angela's hard work, gap financing from Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA) for a loan from Glacier Bank, and business technical assistance from the SBDC at GFDA. Rebecca Engum, Director of the SBDC, assisted Angela with deciding on the proper business structure, performing cash flow analyses and helped with business plan development. Johnson praised the SBDC, saying "I couldn't have done it without Rebecca's involvement."

## **SBDC at Great Falls Development Authority**

**SBDC Director:** Rebecca Engum

**Client:** Angela Johnson

**Impact:** Business Created

Financing Received

